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CONTACT REPORT

DATE: 17 Jan 1964
PLACE: Telephone Wash-Dc
COVER USED: None

January 17, 1954

Contact Report with Colonel King []
DISCUSSION:

Subject: [] 772: J. C. indicated he was completely in the dark as to what was going on and was informed by [] that the cable appeared to be unduly alarming and indicated the possibility that SEEKFORD was exceeding his instructions. Further, to his knowledge [] explained SEEKFORD was to be closely confined to the operational plans as indicated in the assessment report and that funds would be allotted to him only on a 15-day, as needed basis within the authority granted by specific tasks. Therefore, the crisis indicated by SEEKFORD is very difficult to understand at this time and that [] wanted to await the arrival of [] before making any further comment or recommendation as to action to be taken on this matter. J.C. concurred and said he would stand by and await word from Lincoln. J.C. shared [] displeasure at SEEKFORD's commandeering the funds at [] without proper authority and that he would have to stay in line not only operationally but in his handling and disbursement of, as well as accountability for funds. [] assured J.C. that every effort had been made to date to so instruct him; however, it would be pursued further and clarified once and for all. J.C. did not know [] whereabouts except that he had departed from Washington on 16 January and probably not arrive at Lincoln until late 17 January or 18 January. Meanwhile, it was agreed that we would sit tight before taking any definitive action on this cable.

2. Re Guat 987: J. C. asked [] if he had seen this cable. The latter replied not yet. J. C. went on to explain by telephone code that the situation had become very complicated as a result of [] activity as well as []. He asked that [] obtain this cable, study it, and confer with [] as early as practicable, in order to determine a means of bridling or rectifying the situation. This [] agreed to do and advise J.C. by cable.

3. J. C. was informed that [] had had an accident on this date and it was expected that she would be out of action for almost three weeks; therefore, it was imperative that the second girl be sent down as soon as possible. J. C. recognized the seriousness of this secretarial situation and agreed to get someone down immediately even if it were only on a TDY basis.

4. Owing to the complexity of the foregoing problems [] requested J.C. to set up a telecon for 18 January about 1500. J.C. agreed to do so and endeavor to have his information assembled there as well as [] at this end.

5. J.C. was informed that [] was handling [] in a very general way at this time and that plans were under way to prepare and firm up details for the [] Rufus meeting.

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The present problem in this regard concerned the manner in which Rufus would be brought to the States. J.C. was informed that he would be kept abreast of these developments as rapidly as they became clarified here.

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